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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, NATIONAL HISTORY & LITERARY HERITAGE

ON

"a notice issued by Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training with reference to Curriculum" Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri in the Senate sitting held on 19th August, 2020 referred to the Committee by the House.

PRESENTED BY SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI

<u>Chairperson SSC on Federal Education, Professional Training, National</u>
<u>History & Literary Heritage</u>

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I Senator Dr. Rahila Magsi, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National History & Literary Heritage have the honour to present a report on Point of Public Importance regarding, "a notice issued by Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training with reference to Curriculum" raised by Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri in the Senate sitting held on 19th August, 2020 in the House and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The following is the composition of the Committee.

| 1. | Senator Rahila Magsi | Chairperson |
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| | Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed | Member |
| 3. | Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed | Member |
| 4. | Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad | Member |
| 5. | Senator Gul Bashra | Member |
| 6. | Senator Najma Hameed | Member |
| 7. | Senator Hilal ur Rehman | Member |
| 8. | Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi | Member |
| 9. | Senator Behramand Khan Tangi | Member |
| | Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro | Member |
| | Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani | Member |
| | Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar | Member |
| | Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The Committee considered the Point of Public Importance in its meeting held on 3rd February, 2021 at Committee Room No.4 Parliament House, Islamabad. Meeting was attended by the following Members:-

| 1 | Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi | Chairperson |
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| 2. | Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman | Member |
| 3. | Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani | Member |
| 4. | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 5. | Senator Rana Magbool Ahmed | Member |
| | Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad | Member |
| 7. | Senator Mushtag Ahmed | Mover |
| 8. | Senator Barrister Muhammad Ali Khan Saif | Mover |
| 9. | Senator Seemi Ezdi | Mover |

4. Senate Standing Committee at length discussed the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi pointed out the remarks of a senior Joint Secretary, whereby he had mentioned that 400 academic experts were consulted in the formulation of new National Curriculum, out of which one expert Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Bangash had tweeted on 17th August 2020. She read out his tweets to the committee as "A proud moment; unknown to me, I was one of the '400' experts who have approved the single national curriculum! Must take sleep walking pill...."

- 5. Mr. Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Senior Joint Secretary of the ministry while responding to the tweets said that they took an indirect opinion from him. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi expressed her infuriation over such an irresponsible attitude. She said that now the credibility of remaining 399 experts had become suspicious and dubious. She directed that Ministry should furnish the Education Committee with the details and the written consent of all the consulted experts in order to hold accountable someone, should anything in future goes wrong.
- 6. Out of the 400 academic experts mentioned by Ministry of education consulted in the formulation of National Curriculum, name of Mr. Yaqoob Khan Bangash should be removed as he was totally unaware of the fact that he was the part of those 400 experts.
- 7. She also directed Ministry of education to present the final draft of National Curriculum to the Senate Standing Committee in order to receive a better input and feedback from the committee itself.

(Faiga Abdulhaye)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR Dr. RAHILA MAGSI) Chairperson Committee